What Do I Make My Zine About?

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No Zines

This is an age old question, and a good one to ask. All zinesters have asked themselves this question at one point. What DO you make a zine about?

Well, a zine doesn't necessarily have to be about anything. That's the fun of zines…they can be complete bullshit.

It can be bullshit, but it can also be art, poetry, a story, a novel, flash fiction, memoir, glorified diary, collage, comix, how-to guide, social, cultural, or political commentary, news, stupid opinions, philosophy, and once again…COMPLETE BULLSHIT.

Self-publishing is self-meaning. You are able to make the meaning yourself. You are also to make the *lack* of meaning. It really doesn't have to mean anything.

And, most often, zines mean nothing. They're fucking shit on computer paper. They're nothing. If you want your zine to matter and to mean something, you have to understand that it's (probably) nothing.

You can't be a perfectionist when it comes to zine-making either.

Ask yourself: It may not be perfect, BUT IS IT *REAL?*

Whatever you want your zine to be about, you should keep it real. Often, the zines worth making (and reading) are often *real.* It's important to note how the nothingness of zines are not at odds with the realness of zines. If you don't understand what I mean, start understanding now.

To me, personally, a zine should be about something that's true to the zine-maker.

Ask yourself a few more questions:

- What do I want to exist in the world?
- What do I give two fucks about? What do I not give two fucks about?
- What hasn't been said? What has been said? What needs to be repeated?
- What fascinates me?
- What do I love? Who do I love? Where do I love? When do I love? How do I love? *Why* do I love?

These questions, especially the first one on page four, are crucial to my zine making process.

They are crucial to the creation of ***complete bullshit, fucking shit nothing on computer paper.***

If you took away absolutely complete bullshit, fucking shit nothing from this zine, then I love you. Seriously.

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